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## **Diane Levin named New Chief Deputy Director of First 5 California**

First 5 California is pleased to announce the appointment of Diane Levin as its Chief Deputy Director, effective October 1, 2008. Ms. Levin currently serves as an ex-officio member of the First 5 California Commission representing the Secretary of Education.

Ms. Levin's career has helped expand opportunities for California's children.

"She brings a wealth of experience to our office and will be an important member of our team," said Executive Director Kris Perry. "Diane has had a remarkable career as teacher, administrator, policy expert and education leader for more than 25 years."

Ms. Levin was previously appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to serve as Policy Director for the Office of the Secretary of Education (OSE). During her tenure at OSE, her work included leading and coordinating the development of the Governor's education policy agenda along with obtaining information and feedback from education stakeholders to help shape those policies.

Ms. Levin also previously served on the Advisory Committee for Before and After School Programs, the California Association of Administrators of State and Federal Education Programs, and the California Writing Project. In addition, for nearly 14 years, she served as the Superintendent's representative on the executive board of the California Reading Association. She is a credentialed teacher and completed her graduate work in the area of Reading instruction.